

In The Claims:

Cancel claims 1-4, 9-12 and 15-16, amend claims 5-7, 13 and 17, as follows:

Claims 1-4 (canceled).

Claim 5 (currently amended)

5. The A connector ~~described in claim 1 including~~ that includes an insulative support and a row of contacts having mount sections mounted on said support, pad-engaging parts for engaging contact pads of the smart card, and forward free ends for engaging a forwardly inserted card, and wherein:

said support has upstanding boxes with box front ends lying forward of said pad-engaging parts, said boxes having rearwardly-opening slots that receive said contact free ends.

Claim 6 (currently amended)

6. A smart card connector that includes an insulative support and a sheet metal cover that form a rearwardly-opening card-receiving cavity ~~between them,~~ the cover having a top wall lying primarily in a horizontal plane, first and second laterally-spaced vertically-extending side walls, and inward projections at lower ends of said side walls for lying under a bottom of the support to hold the cover on the support, wherein:

said support has a front wall with a top surface having a pair of laterally-spaced notches, and said cover top wall has a front end with a pair of partially downwardly-extending resilient projections that each lies in one of said notches;

said top surface of said support top wall having portions lying immediately forward of said notches, and said cover being slideable rearwardly onto said support until said projections each snaps into one of said notches to lock said cover onto said support.

Claim 7 (currently amended)

7. The connector described in claim 6 wherein:

said support front wall has a an empty cutout lying between said notches, so a tool can be inserted into said cutout to pry up the front end of the cover.

Claim 8 (original)

8. The connector described in claim 6 wherein said cavity is designed to receive an SD smart card that has a front lower surface with grooves and contact pads in the grooves, and to block receipt of an upside-down SD smart card, including:

a stop fixed to said support and projecting upward therefrom into said cavity, said stop being positioned to be received in one of said grooves.

Claims 9-12 (canceled).

Claim 13 (currently amended)

13. A smart card connector for receiving a forwardly inserted SD smart card which has a front lower surface with grooves and contact pads in the grooves, wherein the connector prevents full forward insertion of an upside down SD smart card, the connector including a housing with walls forming a rearwardly-opening card-receiving cavity having top and bottom cavity horizontal walls and a plurality of laterally-spaced contacts with pad-engaging parts that project into the cavity but that are deflectable close to one of said horizontal cavity walls, including:

a stop fixed to one of said cavity ~~vertical~~ horizontal walls and narrow enough and positioned to be received in one of said grooves.

Claim 14 (original)

14. The connector described in claim 13 wherein:

said stop is sufficiently laterally narrow and lies laterally close enough to a selected one of said contacts, so both said selected contact and said stop can fit

into one of said grooves.

Claims 15-16 (canceled).

Claim 17 (currently amended)

17. The A smart card connector described in claim 16 wherein having two connector parts that each can connect to the contact pads of different cards of different cross-sections, comprising:

an insulative support with first and second support parts each having respective first and second card-supporting surface regions;

first and second sets of contacts with pad engaging parts lying respectively at said first and second card-supporting surface regions;

said first and second support parts have respective first and second upper surfaces lying at different levels, with the first upper surface lying at a higher level;

a sheet metal cover lying over the second upper surface to hold down a card close to said second upper surface, said sheet metal cover having a pair of upstanding tabs forming side guides for a card to be read by said first connector part.